

## ANTARCTIC DASH BEGUN BY COPE

British Imperial Expedition Commander Bids Civilization Farewell for Eighteen Months

## IAS FOUR 'BUDDIES'

Party Will Live Entire Period in Huts and Tents and Subsist on Seals and Penguins

London, Dec. 22.—Dr. John L. Cope, commander of the British imperial expedition, has sent the following message from Port Stanley, capital of the Falkland Islands: "Sailing from here December 29. All party well. Expect to hear from us in 18 months. Goodbye."

Commander Cope with four companions proposes spending 18 months surveying and charting the western shores of Weddell sea and in carrying out scientific work in the Antarctic. The party will live during the entire period in tents and huts and will depend for fresh meat on seals and penguins.

Julius Verne by the wildest stretch of his imagination never conceived of an adventure in the realm of action more thrilling than that undertaken by the British Imperial Antarctic Expedition headed by Commander John Cope, who, with five ships and their crews, started in September, 1919, on a five-year quest to solve the riddle of the great unknown South Polar sea.

Cope's reputation for daring and bravery was established when, as surgeon and biologist of the Sir Ernest Shackleton expedition he and eight comrades in misfortune, all hope of rescue abandoned, lived for two years in a little hut established by the straggled Scott, amid the icy wastes of the ice land. They were marooned when the "Aurora," the Maudslowi ship of 1916, was driven away from them during a blizzard. Their rescue constituted one of the most interesting chapters in polar explorations.

The expedition, backed by \$750,000, was for its purpose the circumnavigation of the Antarctic continent, a dash to the south pole, the exploration of more than 1,200 miles of territory never before trod by civilized man, the discovery of the new whale fishing grounds, the study of weather conditions and the extent of South Polar mineral deposits, especially of manganese, coal, granite, marble and mica. Commander Cope declared before sailing that for six months of the year the climate of the northern part of the Antarctic is no more rigorous than that of Alaska or Siberia.

His plane to be used.

Cope's ship, the Thor I, left England on September 22, 1919, and from Norfolk, Va., where the commander stopped aboard her, on the following October 25, the Thor I, on the way to her base, stopped at Montevideo and then went to Deception Island in the Falklands, where motion pictures were made of whales disporting themselves at sea and being harpooned for their ambergris and bone and oil.

Three whalers of 1,000 tons each and one whale catcher of 200 tons, also accompanied the explorers from their base.

The personnel of the expedition included also N. G. Lester, navigator; Thomas W. Bagshawe, geologist; Captain George H. Wilkins, chief of the scientific staff who accompanied the expedition in the same capacity, and 120 men. An airplane called the "Kangaroo" and so christened that it can land on the ice by means of skids was to be employed in the dash to the south pole. The ship was expected to be reached in a dash of from 20 to 25 hours instead of a tortuous journey of many months in winter. The flight was to be undertaken in summer and was not to be a non-stop journey.

The "Kangaroo" carried, beside five fuel tanks, a stowage, cameras and food for one month and this weight was expected to handicap the fliers in crossing a mountain range with peaks 11,000 feet high which rise as natural obstacles to the pole. The start was to be made from the great ice barrier at the Bay of Whales. The total weight of the plane, occupants and equipment was 12,000 pounds and it was to be driven at an average speed of 30 miles an hour. The party was to include, besides Commander Cope, Dr. Lester, as navigator, George H. Wilkins Jr., photographer and surgeon; Thomas W. Bagshawe, geologist, and one other man. The airplane was also to carry 20 dogs, Canadian "timber" several other planes and an extensive wireless system by means of which it was hoped to keep in touch with civilization at all times were to be held in reserve.

Commercial Proposition as Well.

Commander Cope, before starting, said that while the Thor I was circumnavigating the lower part of the continent, her sister ship, sailing from Cape Ann, would go around the Bay of Whales, and the upper part of the continent, completing the circle. The other planes, meanwhile, were to be utilized on shore. They have a cruising radius of 1,000 miles but the

## EVACUATE FIUME FEARING ATTACK

Food Situation Is Considered Almost Desperate, Being Insufficient for Fortnight

London, Dec. 22.—The evacuation of Fiume by civilians has begun, according to a dispatch from Milan to the London Times. Already 190 refugees have arrived at Candria. The food situation in Fiume is considered almost desperate.

The population numbers 32,000 and the food supply will not provide for them for more than a fortnight. The situation in the islands of Arbe and Veglia is considered even worse.

A majority of the population of Fiume, says the correspondent, oppose any encounter involving bloodshed. Even some members of the regency disagreed with d'Annunzio, his finance minister, Professor Pantalone, has resigned and left Fiume. Fifteen men have deserted from his army. Deputies Sisti and Deambrosi have left Fiume for Rome to submit a proposal that Italy recognize the regency with D'Annunzio, Arbe and Veglia, while the regency renounced the immediate annexation of Fiume to Italy, which would be a subject of future negotiations and also renounced further action in Dalmatia.

Trieste, Dec. 22.—(By Courier to Uline).—Fiume is surrounded by government forces. The approaches are heavily guarded on the north, east and west by powerful patrols of carabinieri. Every road and lane is under surveillance. Nothing is being allowed to go into the town, but exit is permitted to those who wish to withdraw rather than face a siege. By sea the fleet of Pola is not permitting the passage of any craft.

Throughout last night Fiume appeared to be a city of darkness. Trains are not permitted to proceed beyond Abbazia, where all passengers destined for Fiume must get off. Mayor Gigante of Fiume has been notified by General Cavalliga of the steps the government intends to take in enforcing the blockade.

As yet there has been no decision announced as to the attitude the commander of Fiume will take toward the withdrawal of the residents there. There was no marked change in the number of departures from the city today. All leaving will have to do so on foot.

One carabinieri was killed and two others wounded by bombs thrown toward the post's legionaries on the west side of the city. The legionaries made their escape.

## MILLER DISCUSSES FARMER PROBLEMS

Governor-Elect Confers With State Agricultural Representatives on Important Issues

Syracuse, Dec. 22.—Governor-elect Nathan L. Miller today met with a committee appointed to represent the New York State Conference Board of Agricultural Organizations to discuss matters of interest to farmers.

Among the subjects considered were the status of the state department of farms and markets, the daylight saving law state conservation with special reference to trespass on privately owned land, police protection, eradication of bovine tuberculosis and the present status of co-operative movements in the state in regard to effect on food production and distribution.

The committee comprised Sherman J. Lowell of Fredonia, master of the National Grange, S. L. Strivings of Canisteo, president of the State Farm Bureau federation, W. M. Giles of Skaneateles, master of the State Grange, W. L. Bean of McGraw, president of the Grange League Federation, and Harry Weisman of Kendall, president of the State Horticultural society, and H. E. Kabecek, secretary of the G. L. F. exchange.

## VOTE \$100,000 RELIEF FUND.

Rochester, Dec. 22.—A minimum goal of \$100,000 for the fund to be raised by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in Rochester, to aid New York members of the union who have been denied recognition by the clothing manufacturers, was set by the Rochester joint board of the union here tonight. Ten thousand dollars from the Rochester union's treasury was wired as first payment of the fund.

First year were to be sent out only 250 miles for the establishment of new patrol bases and the following year sent out an additional 250 miles. The Thor I was scheduled, according to Commander Cope's plans to return to New Zealand in 1921 at about the same time that her sister ship returned to South America.

"Previous Antarctic explorations have been adventures," said Commander Cope. "This one is a scientific and commercial proposition. The final object of our enterprises is a search for mineral wealth with which we are sure the South Polar region abound."

In addition to the minerals previously mentioned he said that Antarctica was rich in gold, silver, copper and lead in the chain of mountains that rise like gigantic sentinels guarding the secret of its vast and icy polar fields.

## WORLD PROBLEM IN BOLSHEVISM

Former German General Suggests Pershing, Foch or Joffre to Stamp Out Movement

## BARS TRADE PACTS

Such Relations Would Serve Only as a Cloak for Red Propaganda, General Says

Berlin, Dec. 22.—General Wilhelm Hoffman, former chief of staff of the German east army, who played an important part in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations, declared in an interview published in the Berlin-Russian Daily "Ruh," that Bolshevism has ceased to be regional and is a world problem now, which can only be solved only by armed intervention by the great powers acting in concert. An international army under the leadership of Pershing, Joffre or Foch, should occupy Petrograd, General Hoffman said, then march on Moscow, which he asserts is bound to fall before any well equipped and officered force.

With the occupation of Moscow, Trotsky and Lenin should be unhorsed and their 3,000 commissioners overthrown, and the members of the whole regime, General Hoffman predicted, would ask safe conduct to pass the shortest way to "oblivion." He feels sure the Russian workmen would be glad to desert their leaders at the first indication that their overthrow was imminent.

"Moscow must be spoken to in the language of Brest-Litovsk not in the language of Lloyd George and London," the general continues. "To remodel Bolshevism is impossible. Any attempt to incorporate Bolshevism in Europe would be wrong. Any trade relations with Russia would only furnish a cloak for red propaganda. For Bolshevism aims will always be a world revolution."

"The crash of the Soviet regime would inevitably be followed by a reign of unparalleled anarchy. The only thing that remains is armed intervention by the great powers. As chief of staff of the east army during the war, I directed the propaganda against the Russian army. The general staff naturally made use of any possible means to break through the Russian front. One of these means was poison gas, another was Lenin."

"The imperial regime dispatched Lenin to Russia from the Swiss frontier in a sealed car for a definite purpose. With our consent, Lenin and his friends disorganized the Russian army. Von Kuehlmann (former German secretary for foreign affairs), Count Czernin (Austro-Hungarian foreign minister), and I then closed the Brest-Litovsk treaty so that we could throw our army against the west front. While in Brest we were convinced that the Bolsheviki could not hold power more than three weeks."

"My word of honor as a German general, in spite of the valuable service Trotsky and Lenin rendered, we neither knew nor foresaw the danger to humanity from the consequences of this journey of Bolshevists to Russia. At the time we weighed the matter with as little consideration as the ements does now."

## REFUSE MINERS WAGE INCREASE

Operators Refuse to Reopen Award of Federal Coal Commission at Philadelphia Meeting

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Declining to reopen the award of the United States anthracite coal commission, the mine operators here today rejected the demands of the hard coal mine workers for additional wage increases, a minimum \$5-day labor rate, and the establishment of a universal eight-hour day.

The operators, however, notified the miners' representatives that they stood ready to adjust any individual cases of inequality that may be due to the application of the commission's award.

Mine workers' representatives told the anthracite operators that they could not accept any compromise and stood by their original demand.

The miners asked general increases of approximately 10 per cent in addition to the 17 per cent granted them by the commission. This, they contended, would give them wage advances equal to the 27 per cent recently awarded the bituminous mine workers.

The operators in rejecting the miners' proposals declared that the agreement with the United Mine Workers, based on the findings of the commission, was a "binding contract" and its repudiation would be a breach of faith with the public, which was a party to the submission of the award.

## SERIOUS OIL EXPLOSION.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 22.—Damage tentatively placed at \$400,000 was caused here this afternoon when a fire spread by an explosion aboard the oil barge Bolikow swept a portion of the Southern Pacific docks. Two men are known to be dead and two injured. The Bolikow was a total loss.

## BREACH OF COURTESY BY BRITISH EMBASSY

Cognizance Is Taken of Correspondence Directed Personally to Chairman of Cable Inquiry

Washington, Dec. 22.—Official cognizance was taken today by the state department of the action of the British embassy in writing directly to Chairman Kellogg of the senate committee investigating cable communications, denying testimony of witnesses that the British authorities impose a censorship on cable messages coming through the United States from Great Britain.

At the department's request, Senator Kellogg sent to Acting Secretary Davis a copy of the embassy's letter, together with a transcript of the testimony of officials of American cable companies that a censorship was imposed. Officials declined to discuss the incident, but it was indicated that the embassy would be asked for an explanation of what was regarded as a breach of diplomatic courtesy. A similar course was followed recently when Dr. Julio Bianchi, the Guatemalan minister, took up directly with Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, a discussion of the senator's resolution, asking the state department for information concerning the detention of former President Cabrera by the present authorities in Guatemala.

It was made clear, however, that the two incidents were not regarded as within the same category as one dealt with contemplated action by the legislative branch of the government, whereas the other had only to do with an effort to correct what was regarded by the embassy as erroneous information which had been given to a senate committee in the course of a hearing.

Officials also indicated their belief that there was some reasonable explanation of the embassy's action in dealing directly with Senator Kellogg, instead of through the state department, as is the usual accepted procedure.

## BIT OF PAPER NETS ECCENTRIC BURGLAR

Crook Who Specializes in Use of Small Tack Puller Falls Into Police Hands

New York, Dec. 22.—An eccentric burglar tonight invaded the "Fifth Avenue zone" forbidden to criminals and was captured in the act of entering a fashionable apartment in West 57th street.

The burglar specialized in the use of a small new-fashioned tack puller as a "jimmy." In many fashionable apartments robbed in the last six weeks, police have found a small tack puller and lying close by a bit of blue wrapping paper.

The wrapping paper was identified later as that used by a large department store and for hours a detective kept vigilance at the hardware counter of the establishment. He was rewarded when a man appeared and bought several of the dainty "jimmies."

Followed by the sleuth, the man walked to the apartment house in 57th street, unwrapped one of the pullers and started working on a door.

As a result of a statement which the police said the man made to them, Casper Firman, proprietor of the woman's store in 47th street, was arrested, charged with receiving stolen goods. His entire stock of goods, valued at \$15,000, was confiscated by the police, who said several articles were identified as having been stolen recently.

## PUT BISHOP'S BODY IN CRYPT

Cathedral of St. John, the Divine, New York, Resting Place of Late Charles Sumner Burch.

New York, Dec. 22.—The body of the Rt. Rev. Charles Sumner Burch, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New York, was laid to rest today beside his predecessors in the crypt of the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine.

Burial rites for the late bishop, who died last Monday, were attended only by members of his family. There was an impressive public funeral which brought approximately 2,000 persons prominent in many walks of life to the great edifice of the late churchman.

## Xmas Symbols Adopted to Uses of Christianity

Washington, Dec. 22.—Symbols of American Christmas observance, the Christmas tree, candles and mistletoe, are relics of heathen and worshiping days adopted to the uses of Christianity, says a bulletin issued today by the National Geographical society, placing the origin of these Yuletide customs. They had to do with the pagan theory of the re-birth of the sun, the bulletin says, and the tree coming down from Aryan ancestors, the candles from the Druids, and the mistletoe from the Druids.

The Christmas spirit of giving, exemplified by Santa Claus, goes back to Roman days, the bulletin continues, adding that there is more sentiment and less of the ecclesiastical in the United States in observance of Christmas than in European lands.

Since no, traditionally a necessity on every American Christmas dinner table, has a religious origin.

The choice of holly, therein, the bulletin says, "were symbols of the rich gifts brought by the wise men to the Christ child and the aroma to that of the frank incense which they also brought."

## WAR ON CROOKS MOST EFFECTIVE

New York's Crime Wave Appears to Be Waning Rapidly Before Intensified Police Activity

## INCREASE LOW BAILS

Eighty-four Men Are Sent to Jail on Failure to Raise Increased Sureties Demanded

New York, Dec. 22.—New York's crime epidemic appeared to be waning rapidly today before intensified police activity, supported by drastic measures of criminal court judges.

Eighty-four men, most of whom previously had been released on low bail, were sent to jail by judges in the court of general sessions, when the amounts of the sureties were raised so high the prisoners could not furnish them. Bail amounting to \$150,000 was ordered forfeited in the cases of 60 others who failed to appear when ordered.

Half of one prisoner, whom the records showed had been at liberty under a total of \$5,000 on two separate charges, was increased to \$5,000 by Judge McIntire, who declared that if this was forthcoming, he would raise the amount still higher.

Announcement was made that on Monday 500 men will be started on a course of intensive training preparatory to joining the regular police force.

Police stations were ordered by Commissioner Enright to report to headquarters complete record of all violators of the state or federal drug laws. The records will be turned over to the narcotic division as part of a new plan to check all drug addicts in the city.

Two men were arrested today after detectives said they had bought \$2 worth of heroin from them. Later the officers reported seizure of \$1,000 worth of heroin in a candy store run by the two men.

Few serious crimes were reported today. Numerous arrests were made, however, and several prisoners were held on charges of carrying concealed weapons.

Albert Smith, 29, arrested early this morning after a chase over house-tops, during which police fired many shots, was held without bail today on a charge of burglary.

Judges in Newark, N. J., following the precedent established in New York, today decided to fix high bail in all cases where prisoners were charged with using or possessing weapons. Those using revolvers or blackjacks will be held in \$20,000, virtually double the maximum in the past, while \$5,000 was fixed as the sum in cases where prisoners are charged with having such weapons.

When a negro member of the police reserves who had served six months as a convict following conviction for burglary and larceny, was arraigned and held in \$5,000 today, Magistrate Schwab said:

"This is a fine example. Here we have an ex-convict going about the streets armed and protected by reason of his being a member of the police reserve. There is grave negligence."

The man was Henry Shields, accused of knocking down and shooting in the foot another negro outside a Harlem dance hall.

## WORRY PROMPTS FARMER TO KILL FAMILY AND SELF

Bradshaw, Neb., Dec. 22.—Worry over depreciation of the value of a large tract of land he purchased some time ago is said by neighbors of Carl Nickelson to have prompted him to kill his wife, three children and himself today.

He used a hammer to slay his wife, a razor to kill his children, Irene, 12, Madeline, 10, and Ned, aged three weeks, as they slept. Then he shot himself.

## SELLS 430 SHIPS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The government up to December 4 has sold 430 merchant ships, totaling 1,777,124,000 dead-weight tons, for \$267,518,537, according to a summary issued tonight by the shipping board.

Since July 15, when the board's last summary was issued, sales were increased by 49 vessels of 55,700,000 dead-weight tons which brought \$57,748,372.

## FINANCIAL WORRIES HURT BOND MARKET

Liberty Issues and Other Government Securities Suffer, Secretary Houston Avers

Washington, Dec. 22.—Marked prices of Liberty bonds and other government securities were said today by Secretary Houston to be suffering as a result of the continued discussion of the soldiers' bonus and various legislative measures for the relief of the farmer, such as repeal of the war finance corporation.

Enactment into law of these propositions, the treasury secretary declared, would necessitate flotation by the government of a loan which would add to the amount of government securities now outstanding and cause consequent reaction in the market of government bonds.

Necessity of a loan issue to finance a soldier bonus, Mr. Houston said, is readily understood, but it would be equally necessary for the government to borrow in order to enable the war finance corporation to function. The corporation, he said, has about \$70,000,000 in back credits against the treasury, but to resume its activities it would have either to issue bonds of its own to obtain funds or call upon the treasury for its balance, in which case the treasury would be forced to issue certificates of indebtedness in order to raise the money.

The secretary also said he was opposed to the various proposals for extending credit to foreign nations on the basis of government funds, the administration having decided there should be an end of foreign loans.

Discussing a sales tax, to provide government revenues, a subject now under consideration by the house ways and means committee, the secretary declared himself opposed to a general sales tax on the grounds that it was contrary to the theory of progressive taxation. He added, however, that he favored a selected sales tax, applicable to certain classes of articles not necessities which he said would keep the burden of tax off those unable to pay.

## PICKS SERVICE MEN FOR MILLER'S STAFF

J. Leslie Kincaid, Incoming Adjutant General, Selects Nine Who Saw Service Abroad

New York, Dec. 22.—Twelve members of the military staff of Governor-elect Miller were announced here tonight by J. Leslie Kincaid, who will be appointed adjutant general on January 1. Nine of the appointees saw service abroad during the war. Those named are:

Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. of New York, son of Brigadier General Vanderbilt and chauffeur for the adjutant general during the war.

James Loece, general manager of the Delaware and Hudson railroad, and formerly a lieutenant colonel in the 25th and 80th divisions.

Harrison K. Bird, formerly military secretary to Governor Odell.

Louis M. Josephthal, former lieutenant commander in the New York naval reserve.

Rodman Wanamaker, deputy police commissioner of New York city.

Henry Cockenham Jr. of Utica, former lieutenant colonel of 56th Infantry, A. E. F.

Charles F. Mangin of Binghamton, former member of General Pershing's staff.

Henry Wilder, formerly lieutenant colonel of the 1st field artillery.

Richard J. Ryan, Watertown, former captain in the "fighting 68th."

George C. Shepherd, banker, with Robert Guggenheim, New York, served a major of infantry during the war and a former deputy police commissioner.

## FAIR WEATHER CHRISTMAS

Prediction Is For States East of the Mississippi River; Present Storm Moving Northward.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The storm that was central over Michigan Wednesday night today moved to the lower St. Lawrence Valley with increased intensity attended by rains in the lower lake region, the Ohio valley and the Atlantic and West Gulf states, and snow in the upper lake region, the upper Mississippi valley and by gales throughout the region of the Great Lakes. Buffalo reported a maximum velocity of 50 miles an hour from the southwest Thursday, which was the highest velocity ever recorded at the station.

The outlook is for generally fair weather in the states east of the Mississippi Friday and Saturday with temperatures considerably below normal except in New England. Snow flurries are possible in the Upper Ohio valley and portions of the lake region Friday.

## CONSIDER ARNSTEIN'S CASE.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A jury of the District of Columbia supreme court today was considering testimony produced at the trial of Julius W. (Nicky) Arnstein and three others, indicted for conspiring to bring into the district securities involved in the \$7,000,000 Wall street bond thefts of a year ago.

## IRISH UNREST GRIEVES KING

His Majesty Deplores Campaign of Violence and Outrage and Sympathizes With Loyal Servants

## HOPEFUL OF GREECE

Declares Government, With Allies, Will Endeavor to Reach an Harmonious Solution of Difficulty

London, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—The king's speech on the occasion of the pro-tem opening of parliament at midnight tonight, after reference to the continued friendly relations with foreign powers, alluded to the Greek difficulty and declared that the government would, in conjunction with the allies, endeavor to reach a solution compatible with their joint responsibilities.

The situation with respect to Russia, was described as still unsettled and obscure and the king expressed the hope that trade would shortly recommence with Russia and lead to an era of peace greatly needed by the suffering people of eastern Europe.

"It is of the highest importance," the speech continued, "that Poland and her neighbors should compose their political differences and devote their undivided energies toward producing internal stability and to the task of economic reconstruction."

The distribution of the mandates and other work of the assembly of the league of nations were taken up and the assembly was declared to have shown its sense of the importance of including all nations in its membership by admitting two late enemies.

"It is my earnest hope," added the king, "that the spirit of harmony and good will manifested at the assembly is an augury of the value of the league as a force making for conciliation and peace throughout the world."

The king referred with gratification to the success of the Prince of Wales imperial tour and regretted that the prince was not able to inaugurate new councils in India. The promise was given that the government would make every effort to reduce expenditures.

Dealing with the subject of Ireland, the king said:

"The state of affairs in Ireland grieves me profoundly. I deplore the campaign of violence and outrage whereby a small section of my subjects seek to sever Ireland from the empire, and I sympathize with the loyal servants of the crown who are endeavoring to restore peace and maintain order under conditions of unexampled difficulty and danger."

"It is my most earnest hope that all sections of the people of Ireland will insist upon a return to constitutional methods which alone can put an end to the terrible events, which threaten ruin to that country, and make possible reconciliation and a lasting peace."

Then, announcing, briefly the passage of the home rule bill, the king continued:

"I sincerely hope that this act, the fruit of more than 20 years of ceaseless controversy, will finally bring about unity and friendship between all the peoples of my kingdom."

## HUGE PROFITS PAID ON COAL CONTRACTS

Senator Calder Alleges Coal Men Made Eight Million Dollars on Two Million Ton Turnover

Washington, Dec. 22.—Senate investigation of the coal industry was suspended today until next Wednesday, but sharp criticism of the National Coal association and government departments came up on the senate floor, when Senator Calder of New York, chairman of the investigating committee, brought recent disclosures into debate. The New York senator gave notice that the committee would proceed next to clear up charges by George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association, that government officials have personally participated in coal profits during the period of shortage last fall.

Senator Calder, speaking on the senate floor, said the war department had granted coal men to make \$5,000,000 in profits by buying 2,000,000 tons of coal during the stringency and reported that D. W. Wentz, president of the National Coal association, took \$75,000 in commissions for purchasing a part of the quantity.

Senator Pomerene, Democrat, Ohio, demanded that the committee refer the matter to the department of justice if it found that Colonel Wentz sold coal mined by himself for \$3.39 while the government paid \$11.50 for its quota.

## QUIT WAR DEPARTMENT

Washington, Dec. 22.—The war department is asked in a resolution adopted today by the senate for information about its alleged failure to turn over to the shipping board certain docks, wharves and terminal facilities as required by the shipping act. The resolution was offered by Chairman Jones of the commerce committee.



## OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

## OTSEGO OCCURRENCES.

**Christmas Program at High School**  
Wednesday—Masonic Lodge Elects.

Otsego, Dec. 23. — An extended and interesting Christmas program was carried out by the students of the Otsego High school yesterday morning at the regular hour of chapel. About 25 guests were present. The program included songs by the school chorus, Christmas carols, Bible readings and recitations. The closing number consisted of an interesting talk by Principal Charles Little on the old Christmas customs of the lighting of the Christmas candles. This was followed by a candle-lighting exercise, with a song composed of Mr. Little and the lighted candles of all present.

After the Christmas exercises, school and for the holiday recess, and the song folios left for a jolly good Christmas vacation. The members of the choir also returned to their homes.

## Eastern Stars Meet Friday.

The Christmas exercises held at the Methodist church tomorrow evening, the annual meeting of the Eastern Stars, No. 277, O. E. S., will be held at 8 p. m. instead of the usual hour. It is requested that all members be present, as business is to be done before the meeting. Reports of committees are to be received and officers elected for the coming year. Dues should be paid this time.

## Masonic Lodge Elects Officers.

At the annual communication of the Otsego Lodge, No. 223, F. & A. M., held last Friday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Master, W. L. Redington; senior warden, R. F. Redington; junior warden, George W. DeBalt; senior deacon,

W. W. Goldsmith; junior deacon, D. L. Palmer; secretary, J. Ceperley; treasurer, C. H. Broadfoot.

**Presbyterian Fair Nets \$105.**  
The Earnest Workers were well patronized Friday evening. The receipts from the supper and sale of candy and aprons amounted to \$105.

## Christmas Guests.

Miss Evalena Terry, a student at the Boston Conservatory of Music, arrived home Tuesday evening, and is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Terry.

Mrs. Ira M. Fish, accompanied by her daughter, Helen, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brown. — Mrs. O. R. Goldsmith recently spent a few days with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reynolds.

## WEST ONEONTA LOCALS.

West Oneonta, Dec. 23. — Mrs. Maurice G. Ackler of Detroit, Mich., is visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. H. King. Mrs. J. J. Ackler of East Worcester was also a recent guest at the manse. — Oscar Gardner of Oneonta is caring for W. C. Green, who remains seriously ill. — Miss Lena M. Miller of Mt. Vernon is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Miller. — Miss Mildred Harbert of Ogdensburg has been a guest at the home of W. J. Cook. — Miss Agnes Potter, a student at Syracuse university, arrived in West Oneonta on Tuesday. — Howard and Harold White, students at Syracuse, are spending the vacation at the home of their parents.

## MT. VISION HOLIDAY NOTES.

Mt. Vision, Dec. 23. — Charles Crocker of Philadelphia was in Mt. Vision this week to look after the body of

his uncle, Alexander H. Starbuck, who died at his home near here last week. He accompanied the body to Rochester, where it was cremated. The receipts of the supper and sale Tuesday evening were more than \$75. — Mrs. E. J. Patterson is spending some time with her daughter in Oneonta. — Hiram Saxton left Wednesday morning for Providence, R. I., where he will spend the holidays with his stepdaughters — Mrs. James Clark of Chicago is the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith. — Charles Armstrong of Oneonta was at Dr. Wright's Tuesday night and attended the grange supper. The season's greetings to all our readers.

## MILFORD CENTER THIS WEEK.

**Services in Baptist Church for Two Weeks—Entertainment Last Night.**  
Milford Center, Dec. 23. — There will be a watch night service at the Baptist church December 31. Watch for a more extended notice.

Sunday evening service will be an illustrated sermon and special music. The Christmas entertainment was Thursday evening. A splendid program was given.

## Personal Notes.

Prof. George D. Gregory attended the teachers' conference at Oneonta. Master William Ward and Willard Ward, who have been ill in the grip, are much improved. — Miss Myrtle Amy of Oneonta spent the weekend with Miss Helen Winters. — Misses Anna L. of Gloversville and Mabel L. of Middletown are spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Lull. — Malan Arnold has purchased a new Overland truck. — School is closed for a two-week vacation. — Mrs. Friend Scott has recovered from her recent illness.

## G. L. F. Meeting Well Attended.

The G. L. F. meeting held at the store at Colliers was largely attended. Directors were elected and plans were made to put the exchange in operation at an early date.

## ELK CREEK NEWS.

**Christmas Entertainment to Be Held Christmas Night.**  
Elk Creek, Dec. 23. — The Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment in the Methodist Episcopal church Saturday evening, December 25. A collection will be taken at that time for the Child's Feeding fund.

## Locals.

Meirvin Wilsey and daughter, Miss Blanche, returned Monday to their home in Washington, Kansas. — Paul

Chase of Schenectady is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Perry. — About 50 friends of Victor Cole and daughter, Jennie, gave them a surprise party at their home last week Tuesday night. — School will close Friday afternoon for a two weeks' vacation.

## MIDDLETOWN CENTER.

Middletown Center, Dec. 23. — Parker Snyder and sister, Grace, spent from Saturday until Monday with their sister, Mrs. Stanley Ottaway, of Frey's Bush. — Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hanna were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John White on Saturday. — Mrs. Helen Huntington has gone to East Springfield to spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Seward. — W. C. V. Dusen of Oneonta, a former resident of this place, has contributed \$10 to-

wards the new furnace for the church. — Miss Maud Coleman of Bowers-town has been visiting for a few days at Leon VanPatten's. — About \$25 was realized from the play held in the church last Thursday and Friday evenings.

## MARYLAND MENTION.

Maryland, Dec. 23. — There will be Christmas exercises and a tree at the Lutheran church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. This is for the pupils of the high school and Sunday school. — Page Blanche is still very ill with pneumonia, as is also her sister, Blanche. — Corrie Southworth is home for the holidays. — The high school will close Thursday for the Christmas vacation. — Miss Marjorie Rutter, one of the teachers, is absent owing to the death of her aunt. — Miss Lucie Dayton of Cooperstown Junction was a recent guest of Miss Eva Youmans. — Glenn Saackhammer of Oneonta is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Smith.

## COLLIERS MATTERS.

Colliers, Dec. 23. — The receipts for the supper and fair held last week were \$122.04. The society wishes to thank every one who helped to make it a success. — Mrs. David Jenkins arrived last week from Niagara to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Malette, and sister, Mrs. Uter. — Miss Ella Lyman and Merton Sullivan are confined to their homes by illness. — Mr. and Mrs. George Spencer and two children of Oneonta spent the day Sunday at P. R. Southworth's. — Mrs. D. H. Williams arrived home from Vermont this week to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Southworth.

## DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

## MAYWOOD GRANGE ELECTS.

G. R. Youngs Chosen Master of Sidney Center Farmers' Organization.

Sidney Center, Dec. 23. — The annual meeting of Maywood grange was held Tuesday evening and the following officers elected: Master, G. R. Youngs; overseer, W. H. Benedict;

steward, Mrs. W. H. Benedict; assistant steward, A. M. Rutenber; chaplain, Mrs. C. W. Sargent; treasurer, Mrs. Amanda Clark; secretary, Mrs. A. M. Rutenber; gatekeeper, E. A. Smith; lady assistant steward, Mrs. W. H. Jenkins; Ceres, Mrs. E. A. Smith; Pomona, Mrs. C. H. Brush; Flora, Mrs. Halsey Wilbur; organist, Mrs. Sargent; trustee for three years, Halsey Wilbur.

## Delightful Family Gathering.

A large and delightful family gathering was held Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Comstock, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. The affair was arranged by their children as a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Comstock. A bountiful dinner was served to the company, which was composed of the relatives and a few of the older friends of the highly esteemed couple, who were the recipients of many valuable gifts, among which were two comfortable leather rockers, the gift of the children.

## Alger-Babcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert J. Babcock of Walton announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennie M., to Paul Leon Alger of this place, on Saturday, December 18, at Walton. Mr. and Mrs. Alger are both well known and highly respected in this village. Mrs. Alger expects to remain in Walton this winter, but they will probably make their future home here.

## Odd Fellows' Anniversary.

Maywood lodge, No. 204, I. O. O. F., celebrated its fourteenth anniversary last Thursday evening with a reception, to which the families and friends of the members were invited. The program was in charge of H. W. Dwyer, and consisted of a talk on "The Community Spirit" by Miss Frances Downman and an address by Rev. Henry Lumb. After the excellent supper, to which about 125 did ample justice, dancing was enjoyed by the young people.

## Sentenced to Delhi Jail.

W. W. Mumford was arrested last Thursday evening after having eluded the authorities for several days. He was charged with violating parole. He was taken to Delhi, where he spent the night in the lock-up, and before Justice Lane Friday morning, who sent him up to Delhi for 30 days.

## Making Good at Cornell.

Among the Sidney Center boys who are making good at Cornell is John Vandervort, who is becoming a recognized star at the state track of agriculture at Cornell and making a name for himself in Cornell athletics. His ability has been noticed and he is showing in track competition by several well won races in the sport. On November 20, in a cross country race of four miles, in which there were nearly 20 well trained track men entered, John placed seventh. On December 4, in a race between the first and second year men of the university, he was the third man to cross the line. In the last 100 yards of this race, he passed several of the team mates and was freed out of the bunch by one of the fastest men in the race. He was handicapped by a weak ankle, which he had wrenched in practice, and it is believed that if a shoe protected him taking first place. His

## MATINEE

2:30

...17c...

Children, 12 Years or younger, all shows 11c

## STRAND


The Theatre Where You Take No Chances

## EVENING

2—SHOWS—2

7:15 and 9

...22c...



WILLIAM FOX presents  
**SHIRLEY MASON**  
in  
**Merely Mary Ann**

The Big Stage Success By Israel Zangwill

## LAST TIMES TODAY

SHIRLEY MASON MAKES BIG HIT IN NEW PLAY

Each picture that Shirley Mason has made since she became a William Fox star a few months ago has added to her reputation. "Merely Mary Ann," presented the last three times today, throws new light on the capabilities of this dainty young star, even in comparison with "Her Elephant Man," in which she made her brilliant Fox debut last Spring.

## EXTRA ON TODAY'S PROGRAM

"FOX NEWS"

The Only News That Shows News While It's News

"LYIN' TAMER"

Two-Reel Thriller by the Century Company

KAUFMAN'S WEEKLY presents

"A Certain Rich Man"

A Picturization of the World Famous Editorials

A carefully selected program that every Man, Woman and Child can enjoy to the fullest extent.

## COMING TOMORROW

We have arranged a splendid special program that will be in keeping with the day. Matinee at 2:30. Evening, first show at 7 o'clock. Come as late as 9:15 and see it all.

## ATTEND THE MATINEE IF POSSIBLE

**BEATRIZ MICHELENA**  
and her own company

*in*  
**The FLAME OF HELLGATE**

ROBERTSON-COLE



COMING MONDAY AND TUESDAY—A Tremendous Super-Special Adapted From One of the World's Most Famous Books. NOT A SERIAL.

WILLIAM FOX Presents

**Pearl White**  
The **WHITE MOLL**

AUTHOR OF THE MIRACLES MAN

More than 60 yrs. ago an English chemist began to manufacture **BEECHAM'S PILLS**. Today they have the largest sale of any medicine in the world. **Wash Beecham's Pills**

Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

## ONEONTA PUBLIC MARKET

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 9 TO 1 P. M.

COR. MAIN AND MARKET STREETS

Mr. Producer: Here's your opportunity to sell your surplus produce of all kinds.

Mr. Consumer: Buy here and secure your produce direct and at moderate prices.

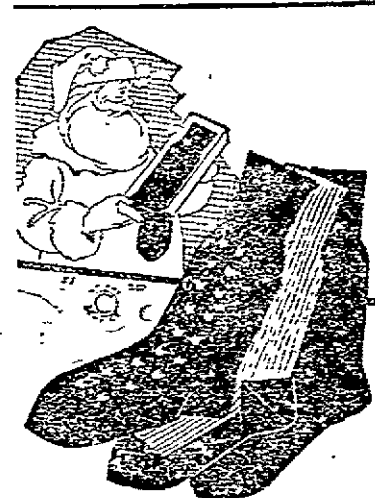
By both co-operating the Public Market can be made a great utility to each.

## Fowler Dry Goods Co.

Boston Store

144 - 146 Main St.

Oneonta, N. Y.



**Santa Claus**  
Will Soon  
Be Here



Every hour is precious time now. From 8:00 this morning to 10 p. m. we will be ready to help anxious shoppers pick and choose gifts that will give joy and satisfaction.

Men's Socks: excellent values; at ..... 35c, 48c, 59c and 75c

Men's Suspenders in fancy Christmas boxes; at ..... 75c

Stationery, a box ... 35c, 50c, 75c

Stationery with dozen Correspondence Cards; linen finish; at .... \$1.75

Special values in Women's Shirt Waists for Christmas Gifts.

Boys' Flannel Waists ..... \$2.75

Turkish Towels and Wash Cloths with pink or blue borders, in Christmas boxes; at ..... \$2.25 and \$2.50

Women's Satin Bloomers in white; good value at ..... \$1.50

Women's flesh colored Wash Satin Bloomers; \$2.50 value at ..... \$1.95

Jersey Petticoats: all silk; plain and sport style; at ..... \$5.75

Handkerchiefs for Christmas Gifts in large assortments, for Men, Women and Children at very reasonable prices.

Children's Toboggan Caps at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Women's Corsets in white or flesh, high or low bust; at \$1.95, \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Children's Outing Flannel Night Gowns: blue or pink striped; at \$1.35

Children's Sleeping Garments with feet: age 1 to 12 years \$1.25 and \$1.39

Men's and Women's Bath Robes; \$6.50 value at ..... \$4.95

Men's white Madras Pajamas; good, heavy weight; at ..... \$3.00

Women's \$2.00 Muslin Night Gowns; long sleeves; at ..... \$1.50

Children's and Misses' all wool Serge Middiees; at ..... \$5.95



### TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

8 a. m. 44  
2 p. m. 41  
5 p. m. 33  
Maximum 48 Minimum 22

### LOCAL MENTION.

—Public market today from 8 a. m. on Market street, near corner of Main.

—All stores of the Merchants' association will be open tonight, including the grocery stores and meat markets.

—Midnight service at St. James' church begins tonight at 11:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited to be present at this impressive service.

—Cyrus Hopkins, a well-known Civil war veteran, passed away last night at his home on Liberty street. Announcement of the funeral arrangements will be made tomorrow.

—In connection with the Children's hour Wednesday afternoon at the public library, a delightful violin solo, a lullaby, was played by Miss Dorothy Kuch while one of the stories was being told.

—The Wanderers' basketball team met its first defeat in several weeks last night, when the local boys were trimmed to the tune of 49 to 23 by Company B of Deposit. The game was played at Deposit.

—All stores and markets in Oneonta will be open this evening. The barber shops will be open until 8 o'clock and tomorrow morning until 11 o'clock for the accommodation of patrons. Stores will be closed all day Saturday.

—The post office will be open on Christmas day until 12 a. m. Rural carriers will make the usual delivery of mail, and city carriers will make the forenoon delivery. All Christmas parcels received during the day will be delivered.

—The Oneonta Public Library will close at 8 o'clock today. Sunday it will be open as usual in the afternoon from 2 to 5:30, for reading only. No books are exchanged Sundays, but all newspapers, magazines and books are free for reading to visitors, whether they are regular patrons of the library or not.

### No Stars on Monday.

While the publishers would prefer not to omit the publication on a Monday following a holiday, the only manner in which the faithful force of editors, reporters, printers, etc., can enjoy the festivities of Christmas day is to suspend publication for one day and issue no paper on Monday. Accordingly no paper will be issued from this office on Monday.

### Meetings Today.

All children of the Main Street Baptist church who have part in the Christmas exercises are requested to meet at the church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

We have a fine line of mixed nuts, ribbon candy, hard mixed candy, peanut brittle, fresh oysters, Boston head lettuce, Milford celery, California navel oranges, 35c to \$1.09 per doz. Nice grapefruit, four for 25c. Open this evening, closed all day tomorrow. Griffin's grocery, phone 458.

Christmas Tree Ornaments.  
Tinsel ornaments, glass balls and beads, red and green rope, Merry Christmas banners, tissue bells, glass ornaments. The Oneonta Press, Inc.

When you have guests and the dinner is faultless, how distressing to find the coffee is poor! This never happens when Otego is used. Its quality — the quality that pleases even the most particular — never varies.

### Small Farms.

Eight-room house, basement barn, running water at both, 23 acres land, one mile from Main street. Oil & gas, \$2,500. Good terms. R. M. Collier, real estate, under town clock.

### The Oneonta Jazz Orchestra

Under the direction of Virgil Young is open for all engagements. There will be all styles of music and any combination of instruments. For information, phone 242 or 655-J. cod 12.

Extra Fancy Spruce Christmas Trees.  
Last call. Four large and two small ones left also a few yards of Princess Pine roping, the daintiest evergreen that grows. Wyckoff, 37 Grove street.

You've bought everything else for Christmas but how about your dinner? We have everything you need but the turkey. Call us up and let us tell you all about it. Finigan's grocery, 12

### Christmas Dinner

Served at Kilkenny's on Christmas day, 12:30 to 2:30 p. m. Tables reserved. Phone 149.

Oysters — Fresh oysters for the Christmas trade, 50c quart; also a good fresh variety of fish. Phone 594-W. Ellis' market, 182 Main.

For Sale — An Edison phonograph, Chippendale model, with mahogany cabinet. Bargain if sold at once. Fred Wolcott, Phone 721-W.

Will the person who borrowed a pocket grill from the garage at 19 1/2 Grand street please return the same at once.

Wanted — A second hand road cart. Phone 641-R before 12 o'clock.

Special today only. Strictly fresh eggs, 35c per dozen. Griffin's grocery, Phone 458.

Don't forget — wanted at once at Pioneer lunch.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER PREVAILS

Exercises Given by Children of Several City Churches Last Night—The Program for Today.

Last night was "Christmas night" in many churches of the city, and a happier bunch of kiddies than those who visited the First Presbyterian, First Methodist, Elm Park Methodist, Plains Methodist and St. Mary's Roman Catholic churches, would be indeed hard to find.

At the First Presbyterian church, the usual set program of exercises was dispensed with and instead there was a party for the children of the Sunday school. The children listened to numerous Christmas stories, Christmas songs were sung, and other musical selections given. A big basket full of popcorn balls was placed before the children, and it was soon emptied.

Each of these presents was also given a box of Christmas candy to take home. The chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion with red and green holiday streamers, and a large Christmas tree, illuminated with myriad colored lights, occupied a corner.

Superintendent W. A. Holley and the teachers of the school spent much time preparing for the exercises, and they are entitled to considerable credit. In the afternoon, about 55 children of the primary department, under the direction of Miss Martha Sullivan and Mrs. Oscar Burr, enjoyed a party all of their own. They were entertained with games and other amusements, and they sang several Christmas selections. The kiddies all had a good time.

A Christmas cantata entitled "The Night Before Christmas" was given by the Sunday school of the First Methodist church last evening before a large audience. The principal parts were taken by Louis Williams, Ned Williams, William Finigan, Bessie Cumberland, Mabel Thompson, Betty Johns, Leona Hendy, Robert McMorris and Katherine Dunn. The cantata showed in detail the many things that happen every year the night of December 24, and furnished much enjoyment to the children. Santa Claus, alias Jerry B. Wilson, kept all the kiddies laughing with joy. The cantata was under the capable direction of Mrs. Harry C. Bard, Miss Annie E. Waters and Mrs. C. N. Murdoch. The church was attractively decorated for the occasion, and there was a large Christmas tree on one side of the stage.

Two outlying churches held largely-attended Christmas exercises. At the Elm Park Methodist church, the program published in yesterday's issue was carried out in detail, and the children never sang or recited better—at least that is what those who were present say. Pastor J. C. Johnson gave a brief talk in which he voiced the appreciation of the congregation for the fine entertainment and thanked the children for their efforts.

At the Plains Methodist church, Henry VanDyke's "The Other Wise Man" was given by a party of young people from the Methodist church at Otego. The offering will be sent to the relief of the starving children in Central Europe.

St. Mary's hall was crowded with children, their faces radiant with happiness, last night, when a Christmas tree and exercises were held. The hall was prettily decorated for the festive occasion, and two hours were very happily passed by the youngsters. Father Noonan was present at the exercises and spoke a few words of appreciation to the children.

### Other Christmas Services.

Christmas services will be held tonight at the Main Street Baptist, West End Baptist and St. James' Episcopal churches. The program of the Main Street Baptist church is given below.

At the West End Baptist church, the

### DO YOU BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS?

He can send by you warmth and shelter—perhaps save a human life. For \$10.00 you can give to a little child food and clothing sufficient for the entire winter. The appeal of the starving little ones of Europe is so pathetic that it is hard to shrink the responsibility that such an opportunity of service offers—especially at Christmas.

Albert B. Tobey.

Christmas entertainment, with a tree will be held at the church at 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to the public. An offering will be taken for the benefit of the starving children of Europe.

At St. James' church, there will be a Christmas eve service commencing at 11:30 p. m.

At St. Mary's church, services will be held on Christmas day at 8 a. m., 10 a. m., 12 p. m., and 3 p. m. Father William D. Noonan will officiate. The church also is decorated in the usual child-like and beautiful manner becoming the Christmas season.

### Main Street Baptist Church.

The Main Street Baptist Sunday school will celebrate the Christmas season this evening at 7 o'clock. It is Santa Claus night. This good saint will be at home in a new house designed for his occupation, and he will gladly welcome any of his friends, young or old. Another feature of interest is a chorus, conducted by Mr. C. S. Pendleton. The music rendered will be a part of an enlarged program which will be presented next Sunday evening.

The program of this evening is as follows:  
Song—Joy to the World, School.  
Responsive Reading—Supernatural Bookhouse and school.  
Song—Merry Christmas, Chorus.  
Prayer, Dr. C. S. Pendleton.  
Song—The Ringing of the Bells, Chorus.

Recitation—Is There a Santa Claus, Mildred Cain.

A Christmas Fairy Tale—The House of Santa Claus.

### Characters.

Santa Claus—Wilmer Bresce, Girls' Committee—Bernie Klapprick, Edith Sexton, Mildred Williams, Dwarfs—Percy Terpening, Winfield Tullar.

Fairy Queen—Winifred Williams.

In conclusion Santa Claus will have special messages for the seniors, and the usual distribution of gifts will be made to the children.

### Either an Excellent Gift.

If in doubt what to send to a remnant friends as a holiday remembrance, why not make the gift a year's subscription to either The Star or The Herald? Either will be a continued reminder of the giver in the form of a letter from home. The price of the Star will be \$5 per year by mail anywhere in the United States outside the city; for the Herald \$1.50 per year.

### Christmas Dinner.

Special Christmas dinner served at the restaurant, Hotel Oneonta, from 12 to 3 p. m. Music by Strand orchestra.

### Look in the Window

At Spencer's Busy Corner store and see the pretty sweet grass baskets and novelties. Just what your lady friend wants.

The union barber shops will be open tonight until 8 o'clock, and will be open until 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

### CRIMINALS ARE SCATTERING

Citizens of Cities and Villages Up-State Should Be Alert and Avoid Presenting Opportunities for Robberies and Hold-Ups.

Residents of the small cities and the villages up-state should not fail to discern the full significance of the strenuous effort now being made in all the larger cities of the state and neighboring states to clean up and those municipalities of the criminal element. Nearly all the men with records are known to the police, department of the cities and the towns of the state against them will not fail to reach those against whom it is a job.

The question naturally arises where will they go? It is almost certain that they will make themselves scarce at the cities and not improbably a large number will endeavor to find a way in the smaller places away from the police who know them all.

The danger is truly appalling, and many, no doubt, have a sense of when citizens of the city and of the villages hereabouts should be especially careful to give all protection possible to their stores, homes, lives and reputations.

The custom of some of the towns to draw their curtains and have no lights in their houses at night is then able to see a light from the front and rear, and detect any movements within and also be warned should the light be extinguished. Then, too, many of us are careless in the matter of carrying funds about upon the person. It is much safer in the towns of the city and county, perhaps also a word of caution in the matter of carrying considerable sums in the hands on the way to the bank must not be amiss.

There are many desperate characters who are being driven from the cities and they will find a way, no matter where they go, of securing a living without work. Every possible precaution at such a time as this should be taken.

Again, citizens knowing of strangers coming to their community and evidencing no means of support, should report them to the police department for investigation. It is too much to expect a police department to keep the city free of suspicious characters without the constant support and assistance of others. The Star has no desire to alarm the public, but is certain that a correct understanding of conditions should be given that, so far as possible, favorable opportunity to commit robbery and other crimes is not presented.

### Asks Judge Huntington for a Home.

Did you read in yesterday's Star how a woman asked Judge Huntington, in city court, to send her to a home? It was tough but if Oneonta people would think, this needn't be, as I have made small amounts safely roll up to several million dollars, for homes and farms and made rent money pay for them. I'm still on the job; give little fellows a fair chance and a square deal and \$5, placed with me each month has been the means of getting many homes and farms for Oneonta people. Take your medicine or get in with my new bunch of little fellows, that I am going to start next month to thus safely roll up a million more in my life and let live game. If human poll parrots would chatter less about the bad and more about the good, we'd all be a darn sight better off. Join the safe and sane Oneonta Building and Loan association.

The Osborn Xmas Tree Holder Saves time and annoyance and can be used many years. Price 50 cents. The Oneonta Press, Inc.

Have you seen Henri?



### Candies for Xmas

Only two more days left to buy your Xmas Candies, so shop at our store today, as there is still a good selection left.

Miller-Strong's Home-Made Chocolates and Bon-Bons in bulk or holiday packings. One, two and five pound boxes, per pound..... 80c

**XMAS SPECIAL**  
Chocolate Covered Cherries in liquid cream cordial.  
89c lb., 2 lbs. for \$1.69

**XMAS SPECIAL**  
Assorted hard Xmas Candies. Made from pure sugar. The kind the kiddies like. 29c lb.  
Ribbon Candy... 29c lb.

A complete line of high grade box candies in one, two and five-pound boxes.

### Miller-Strong Drug Co.

227 Main Street

### SPECIALS FOR

Thursday and Friday Only

Fancy Tub Butter	59c
Pure White Lard	22c
Lard Compound	15c
California Navel Oranges	Per Doz. 45c
Emperor Grapes	Per Lb. 35c

FANCY ENGLISH WALNUTS, per lb.	38c
FINE LARGE GRAPEFRUIT	25c
Four for	
FANCY MIXED NUTS, per lb.	25c
VERY NICE GRAPEFRUIT	10c
Each	

SUGAR	10c
FINE GRANULATED	

POCONO PLUM PUDDING, per can	25c
ENGLISH WALNUT MEATS	48c
Fresh and fine.	
Per lb.	

N. B. C. OYSTERTTES	19c
N. B. C. CREAM WAFERS	19c
DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE	32c
No. 2 can	
DEL MONTE PEACHES	27c
No. 1 1/2 can	
No. 3 Can	45c
No. 2 can	35c

HEINZ PORK AND BEANS AND ASSORTED PICKLES	
POCONO ORANGE MARMALADE	36c
Per Can	
SMUCKER'S APPLE BUTTER	37c
24 oz. glass	
POCONO STUFFED OLIVES	30c
Per Can	
POCONO OLIVES	26c
Per Can	

BREAD	13c
G. U. SPECIALTY	

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING	
1 China Tea Cup and Saucer with 1 pound Baking Powder	
1 Deep Granite Mixing Bowl with 2 pounds Baking Powder	
GRAND UNION COFFEES—You all should use them.	
ANGLE BRAND.	50c
Nothing better	
J. B. SPECIAL.	38c
Why not try a pound?	
Other grades at 45, 48 and 52 Cents.	

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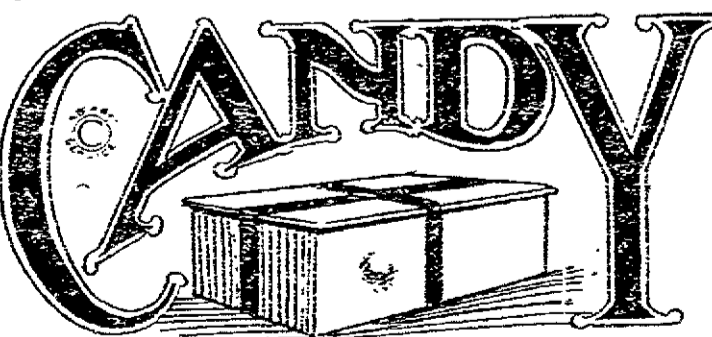
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## Oneonta Department Store, Inc.

Everything For Everybody

### Service For Late Shoppers

No other store in Central New York is better prepared to meet the requirements of the army of last-minute shoppers than this store—THE IDEAL GIFT STORE. Although our present Christmas business is the largest that this store has ever been favored with and great inroads have been made into our enormous stocks, there are still literally hundreds of suitable, practical and appropriate gifts here for everyone.



We are ready to supply all your Candy needs.  
Christmas Candy Ribbon Candy  
Peanut Brittle

Special—A Good Grade of Chocolates 25c lb.

English Walnuts Mixed Nuts

Special Prices on all High Priced Toys. We Still Have a Good Supply of Toys. Dolls, Skis, Sleds

## Child Feeding Station Where Kids Receive American Bounty



Not all of these Vienna children in a kitchen of the American Relief Administration European Children's Fund had the courage to stop eating when the photographer took the picture. Small wonder, since for many of them it is the only food they have in the whole of a hungry day. A recent survey of the children of the city are undernourished. The American child welfare work there under Mr. Hoover's direction, attempts to reach the badly undernourished, and feeds 100,000 in Vienna alone, and 300,000 in all Austria. This means that the hungry cannot be fed since the hunger must have the food to live.

There are two and a half million children in Eastern and Central Europe on the borderline of starvation whom Mr. Hoover is attempting to save. They receive hot soup and cocoa and white bread every mid-day from the kitchens of the European Children's Fund, and with continued American generosity will receive their ration until next summer's harvest. In asking for \$2,000,000 to see them through, Mr. Hoover calls on the American people to remember how much they have done, and to match it now only in part. "Last year," he says, "the American people spent literally billions of dollars in saving the whole of Europe from famine. The present cry is for 23 cents of that which...

## PERSONALS

W. Sturges of South Worcester was in the city yesterday on business. Joseph U. G. Weldon of Elmira was in Oneonta Thursday on legal business. Joseph Molnar, who is attending law at Albany, is in the city for the holidays. Dr. Stanton Hendrick is confined to his home on Lutz street, suffering from an attack of the grip. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Crandall left this morning for Le Roy, where they expect to spend the holidays. Russell H. Hildner and Ralph Hildner, who are attending the R. P. L. at Troy, arrived home last evening. Mrs. Charles Wilson and children of this city are spending Christmas with the former's parents in Poughkeepsie. Mrs. I. Benedict and daughter, Katherine, of Schenectady, are visiting at the home of Harry Hunter, 4 Fourth street. Frederick Jester of Franklin, who is attending Colgate university, was in the city yesterday on his way to his home.

Miss Katherine Brown, who is teaching in Elmira, was in the city yesterday on her way to her home in Albany. Clifford Townsend of Syracuse is home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Townsend, of this city. Miss Cora H. Pettit of the Normal faculty left Thursday for Brooklyn, where she will spend the holidays with her sister.

Mrs. Halsey Palmer of Mt. Vernon is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. C. M. Radcliff, Hill place. Miss Cecile VanVleet and Miss Elida Terrell of Binghamton are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dylamater of Jersey City, N. J., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Eggleston, Maple street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Blessing and daughter, Anna, of this city, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Blessing's parents in Albany.

Miss Isabelle Mahaffy of Freeport, Long Island, is the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mahaffy, 54 Maple street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas of this city left yesterday for Waterson, Conn. where they will spend Christmas with the latter's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts of Westford, who for several days had been guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Torrey, returned home Thursday.

Jerome Walsh, a student at Brown university, Providence, R. I., arrived in Oneonta yesterday morning to spend the holiday vacation at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Turner and Henry Turner of 175 Chestnut street are spending Christmas with Mrs. Grace Garver, in Mechanicville.

Miss Hannah Hickok, who is teaching in Gloversville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hickok of this city.

Miss Mary Cross, who is a student at the Albany Business college, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cross, of this city, for the holidays.

Kenneth Russell, who is attending Columbia university, arrived home last evening and is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Russell, Main street.

Miss Julia Winsor, a teacher at Greenport, Long Island, arrived in Oneonta last evening and will spend the holidays at her home in Laurens.

Mrs. M. E. Hoolhan of 167 Chestnut street is visiting her sister, Mrs. K. L. Hennessy and niece, Mrs. L. J. Geiger, in Albany, for the holiday week.

Miss Gladys Combes, who is a student at the Albany Business college, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Combes, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Webster and children of West Oneonta left yesterday for Syracuse to spend the week with the former's mother, Mrs. James Webster.

James H. McCulley and J. Henry Deiseroth, the erecting engineers at the Normal school power house, are spending the holidays at their homes in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Allen and daughter of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending the holiday season with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Day, 1 Irving place.

Miss Margaret Gurney, secretary to the R. M. Page school, Summit, N. J., arrived in the last evening and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gurney, for the holidays.

Miss Caroline Rogers, who is attending Mt. Holyoke college, arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rogers.

Mrs. Howard Lyon, who for the past season has been with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Howell, in this city, left yesterday morning for her home in Philadelphia.

Miss Barbara Lynch, who is a student at Syracuse college at Easton, Mass., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Lynch, of this city.

George Hildner and wife of Stamford were in the city yesterday on their way to Jersey City, where for a week they will be guests of their son, Nathan Hildner.

Miss May Hildner and Miss Esther Buckley accompanied Henry H. Buckley to New York city yesterday and will spend the holidays at the Buckley residence at Forest Hills.

Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Stodart of Elmira, who are spending the winter in the city, left Thursday for a two weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cross in New York city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Chambers and Mrs. W. H. Hildner departed yesterday for West Point, where they will spend the holidays, returning to Oneonta soon after January 1.

Archibald A. Barrard, formerly of The Star, now publisher of the Condenser (Pa.) Herald, and wife of The Star, was in the city on Wednesday.



Al. Lemons at the Oneonta Theatre All Next Week with The Tip Top Merry Makers.

## LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS

During the past several weeks everyone has been busy shopping for Christmas, but at the last minute there will be that last, almost overlooked present to buy. We suggest that you will be able to find just the appropriate gift at our store. We have had a wonderful Christmas trade, but you will still find a large selection of useful and attractive merchandise—priced to please.

### Practical Gifts

for the busy housewife will make her work easier and be a fitting remembrance.

Easy Electric Washers  
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### AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES

Every person who drives a car would be pleased to receive some of the accessories which are offered by this department.

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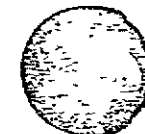
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Razors  
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Sheaffer Self-filling Fountain Pens. If you are in doubt about his Xmas gift, let us help you select a Fountain Pen which will last him.

They are guaranteed not to leak and to give perfect satisfaction. All style Pens priced from \$3.50 up.

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In other words we believe in "making good" rather than "making believe"

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You will find our Christmas assortment of Flowers and Plants distinctly desirable.

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Derrick, Florist  
We Telegraph Flowers All Over  
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## The Season of Good Cheer — and Candy



## CANDIES

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**Ancient Christmas Customs.**  
Many quaint customs are observed at Christmas time in various English country parishes. In that of Cammer, in Berkshire, of which the living is a vicarage and the church a beautiful specimen of an old English parochial edifice, all also pay tithes regular after evening service on Christmas day, to the vicarage where the vicar is held in duty bound, by a wove ceremony old, to receive them with four bushels of malt brewed into ale or beer, two bushels of wheat baked into bread, and half a hundred weight of cheese. Any remainder of this feast are distributed among the poor of the parish after morning prayer the next day.

**Tit for Tat.**  
The Poet: "May I read you my new Christmas poem?"  
The Musician: "Yes, if you'll let me play you my new Christmas cantata."  
—Flegende Blatter.



#### DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

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and no doubt his sufferings therefrom made him less able to endure the disease from which he died. The funeral services will be held at 1:30 p. m. on Monday from the chapel of the Packer undertaking rooms in Oneonta, and burial will be in the Bloomsdale cemetery.

Mr. Gassen was born 47 years ago near Bloomsdale, and with the exception of a few years in the extreme west, where he went in the hope that a change of climate would be beneficial, he had always resided in the adjoining towns of Meridale and Davidsport. He is survived by his wife, formerly Mrs. Ada Tamsitt of Bloomsdale, and by one son, Harry E. Gassen, of 5 Linden ave., Oneonta. To both the sympathy of many friends will be extended in the loss of a loving husband and father.

#### MATTERS IN MERIDALE

Meridale, Dec. 23. — The Ladies' Aid society took in nearly \$250 at the supper and sale held Friday last. After choir rehearsal Monday evening

at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lockhart, a short entertainment was given and a very fine Christmas tree was laden with gifts for each. After they were distributed Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart treated their guests to ice cream and cake, which was greatly enjoyed by all. — Mrs. Earl Gresser of Harpersville is spending a few weeks with her cousin, Mrs. John White. — Mrs. Albert Greyish and daughter, Mrs. Jones, of Lincoln, Nebraska, who had been visiting the former's father, William Greer, the past three weeks, left Saturday for a visit with relatives in East Meredith. — The community Christmas tree given by Mr. Ayer at the Meredith Baptist church will be held Saturday evening, January 1.

#### Memorial Church Calls Pastor.

North Kortright, Dec. 23. — Glenside Memorial church, Kortright, which has been without a pastor since the resignation of Rev. W. V. Ritchie over a year ago, has decided to call Rev. W. S. Price of Lawrence, Kan., who for a month of more has acceptably supplied the pulpit there, to become pastor of the congregation. Accordingly Rev. R. R. Irwin preached in that church this week and moderated a call. It is confidently hoped that Mr. Price will accept the call as he has intimated.

#### Funeral of Mrs. Saunders.

Treadwell, Dec. 23. — Funeral services for Mrs. Lavania Saunders were held from her home Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Edwards officiating; burial in Oakcut Valley cemetery, by the side of her husband, who passed away nearly eleven years ago. Relatives present from out of town were J. K. Poorman and wife, Forman Arkbuckle and Louise Thomas of Delhi, E. R. Beaumont and wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Darling of Walton.

#### SAY GOOD-BYE TO PILES NOW.

Colac Pile Pills are the positive pills to punish piles. In five years not a failure to bring relief. Colac is safe, sure, easy to swallow, reaches the seat of the trouble from within, does away with messy ointments and suppositories, and is absolutely harmless to everything but piles. Join the grateful army of Colac boosters who know pile agonies need no longer be endured. Stop suffering now, sit down in comfort and sleep in peace. A. Druggists 60 cents for a bottle of 40, or by mail in private wrapper for 65 cents from Colac Chemical Co., Inc., Glens Falls, N. Y.—Adv.

Take Notice that the partnership existing between Clark W. Tillinghast and Richard M. Collier, under the firm name of Tillinghast & Collier, No. 234 Main street, Oneonta, N. Y., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All persons having bills against said partnership, should present the same on or before the second day of January, 1921.

Dated Dec. 2, 1920.

Clark W. Tillinghast,  
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Christmas  
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Good Cheer



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The quality and prices are right

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Join in and let it be your family Xmas. We have 20 machines in stock  
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Today may be your last opportunity as membership is limited. Better drop in now.

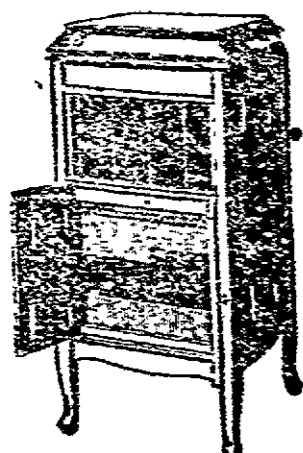
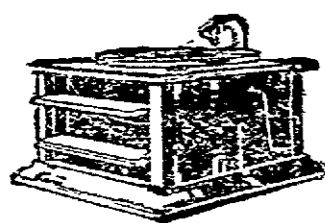
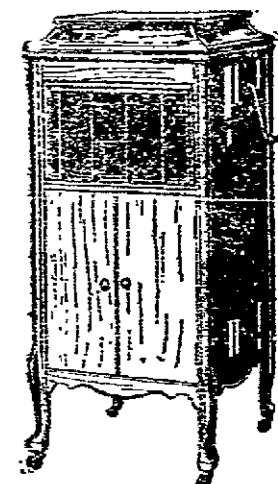
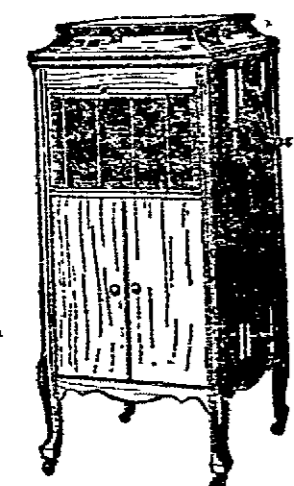
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Oneonta, N. Y.  
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## BOXES for HIS XMAS GIFT

Why not give him smokes for Xmas?

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Boxes of 25 for **\$2.50**

Also boxes of 50 for **\$4.75**

Buy a box of these cigars, have him smoke three, if for any reason he does not like them return the remainder and get full credit.

His Favorite Smoking tobacco in Xmas Packages, 8 oz., 16 dz.

French Braid and Sicilia Pipes 50c. up.

ER-STRONG DRUG CO.  
227 Main Street

## BASKETBALL DOPE.

Worcester High Trims Milford Town Team—Wanderers to Deposit.

The Worcester High school five gave the Milford town team a ten point lacing on the Wisting opera house court at Worcester Wednesday evening. The game was characterized as a rough one, and both teams reported as being off edge. Davidson was the "star" performer for Worcester last evening, with 19 points, while Blom took the derby for Milford with a total of five points.

Worcester	FB	FP	TP
Davidson, H. ....	2	2	6
Blom, H. ....	5	0	10
Skinner, C. ....	4	0	8
Stapleton, J. ....	0	0	0
Bellew, J. ....	1	0	2
Totals .....	12	2	26

MILFORD—

Blom, H. ....	FB	FP	TP
Blom, H. ....	2	0	4
Blom, H. ....	2	1	5
Cooper, C. ....	0	4	4
Osborn, R. ....	1	0	2
Miller, J. ....	0	1	1
Totals .....	5	6	16

Nice red apples. Good to eat or cook. \$1.00 per bushel. Miller, 12 Central avenue.

**Nature's Remedy**  
R-TABLETS  
Better than Pills—GET A  
For Liver, Bile, 25c Box  
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## WITH THE BOWLERS.

Sparrows Chirp Merrily.

Only one lone Bobolink showed up Wednesday night, and as a result the Sparrows took all three games in the bowling tournament at the hotel alley. Buell carried off the honors of the evening with a three-game total of 389, his highest game being 222.

The scores:

BOBOLINKS	1st	2nd	3rd
M. Rabbitt .....	136	136	135
Palmer .....	118	118	118
Delamater .....	118	118	118
Harland .....	181	147	177
M. Perry .....	117	117	117
Totals .....	570	636	566

SPARROWS

Westcott .....	1st	2nd	3rd
Westcott .....	140	131	125
Stapleton .....	147	183	153
Lake .....	124	165	130
Buell .....	222	213	154
Moore .....	145	146	146
Totals .....	779	838	711

Giants Lose to the Reds.

The Reds, who have been at the bottom of the percentage column, staged a come-back Wednesday night and succeeded in taking two out of three games from the Giants at the Y. M. C. A. bowling alleys. The scores follow:

GIANTS

Westcott .....	1st	2nd	3rd
Westcott .....	150	151	151
McKean .....	192	164	205
DeLaMater .....	154	139	157
Kokon .....	130	120	127
Brown .....	132	133	133
Totals .....	759	717	593

REDS

M. Rabbitt .....	1st	2nd	3rd
M. Rabbitt .....	202	153	154
Baker .....	168	121	127
Hotaling .....	177	150	173
Palmer .....	148	148	148
Dilello .....	147	147	147
Totals .....	842	723	779

## Your Attention.

The water colors and hand etchings on parchment and white satin have arrived at Needle Craft shop. Do not fail to see them before buying all your gifts. The prices are from \$2.00 to \$10.00 each. Our cards are a little different as you know from past years. Come in and look them over. Gifts that are just a little exclusive and at right prices with no duplicates.

We can't do a thing for the housekeeper who refuses to try Hygrade brand butterine. But we have saved a deal of money, without sacrificing quality, for many who have tried it.

## Christmas Trees for Sale.

The pretty fir balsam trees, wreaths, running pine and boughs at H. Nearing's, 9 Center street. Phone 887-J2. Delivered to any part of the city.

J. W. Pomerooy and Claude Selleck have leased a building of W. E. McDonald and will open a garage and general repair shop at Davaport about January 1.

Paint Shop Opened in Laurens. Wagons and automobiles painted. Work guaranteed, prices reasonable. St. e.o.d. Preston Westcott.

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When you feel discouraged, nervous, tired, worried or despondent it is a sure sign you need MOTT'S NERVE-PILLS. They renew the normal vigor and make life worth living. Be sure and ask for Mott's Nerve-Pills. Sold by druggists. WILLIAMS MED. CO., Prop., Cleveland, Ohio. On Sale at Marsh, The Druggists.

## RAISING OUR SPIRITS

No Country Like Ours Says Well Known Commercial Firm.

The B. B. Davis company of Hoboken, N. J., manufacturers of a well-known brand of baking powder, assays successfully to raise the spirits of the American people in a letter recently sent to its customers.

"Absolutely nothing the matter with America," says the letter, and we'll prove it.

"You and all the rest of our 100 million Americans, owed \$50 each to foreigners before the war. Today they owe each one of us \$199.

"We have only 6 per cent of the world's people and 7 per cent of its land; but we Americans produce 75 per cent of the world's corn; 85 per cent oil; 60 per cent cotton aluminum and copper; 52 per cent coal; 50 per cent zinc; 40 per cent lead; silver, iron and steel; 25 per cent wheat; 20 per cent gold, and so on.

"Our assets have gone up continuously and our liabilities have come down. We are rated on the books of prosperity as A-1 plus—our taxable worth today is \$250,000,000,000 in money.

"Everybody who wants to work can get a job and at wages which insure good food, a good home and a sensible share in the good things of life.

"So let's have more work, more good cheer; more production, more faith. Business is good and always will be, in America."

A three months' subscription to The Star for \$1.50.



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Send ten cents to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package of Favorite Prescription Tablets.

# Eleventh Hour Purchasers

## Good Assortments for Those Who Have Postponed Shopping

Those who still have gifts to purchase will find a large variety of dainty and useful items. A few are enumerated below:

LEATHER GOODS	TOYS AND GAMES	STATIONERY
Bill Folds Purses Ladies' Hand Bags Collar Bags Card Cases Cigarette Cases Whist Sets Vanity Cases	Incline Toys Boats Tinkertoys Tumbling Twins The Famous Bug Games	Children's Stationery Many lines of staple goods Hand Decorated Stationery in fancy cabinets.
TOYS AND GAMES	BOOKS	CALENDARS AND PICTURES
Pit Tiddley Winks Blackboards Washing Sets Toy Soldiers Gyroscope Tops Picture Puzzles Autos Aeroplanes Building Blocks Map Puzzles Crawling Snails and Tanks Toy Tractors	Late Novels Reprint Novels Fancy Gift Books Address Books Diaries Memo Books Boys' and Girls' Books	Hand Colored Landscapes Framed Pictures Photo Frames Boxed Calendars
WHITE IVORY GOODS	CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS	
Manicure Cases Trays Hair Receivers Mirrors Combs Brushes Nail Files, Etc.	Tinsel Garlands Christmas Candles Red and Green Rope Tinsel Ornaments Glass Beads and Balls Holly Ornaments, Etc.	

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Just received a carload of gasoline engines, from one to ten horse power, new improved type.

New type IHC Feed Grinders, make your own balanced rations of pure grain.

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AT LAST—fresh tobacco!

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SCENE FROM CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "WORK," AT THE ONEONTA THEATRE TODAY, 2:30, 7 AND 9 P. M.

### AFTER THE GAMBLERS

HORACE JORDAN ADMITS GAMES WERE PLAYED AT HIS HOME.

Is Given Suspended Sentence by Judge Huntington: Paroled in Custody of Chief Horton — Harold Rarick Arrested on Vagrancy Charge: Failed to Support Wife; Soon to Become Mother.

Horace Jordan of this city was arraigned before Judge Huntington in city court yesterday morning charged with violating the penal law by conducting a gambling house. Jordan was lodged in the city jail Wednesday night by Chief of Police Horton, who arrested him at his home at 5 Knapp avenue. Chief Horton paid a visit to the hang-out, which he had under surveillance for several days, and found enough evidence to warrant Jordan's arrest on the gambling charge.

When questioned by the judge, Jordan said that he was a poor man and had a family to support and asked for leniency. After considering the request, Judge Huntington finally decided to make the charge against Jordan "keep in a gambling house," which is a misdemeanor, instead of "being a common gambler," which is a felony requiring the attention of the grand jury. Jordan subsequently pleaded guilty to the charge and was given a suspended sentence of 90 days in the Albany penitentiary. The judge ordered him to do only legitimate business and warned him to care for his family properly.

It is said that card games, with much money at stake, have been going on at Jordan's house for some time past. He was paroled in the custody of Chief Horton for six months.

Harold Rarick of Milford, Cooperstown, Oneonta and elsewhere, was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by Officer Cross on a charge of vagrancy, and was locked up in the city jail for the night. Rarick was arrested about two weeks ago on a similar charge and after promising Judge Huntington to go to work and support his wife, was given a suspended sentence. Yesterday afternoon police headquarters received a complaint from the Windsor Hotel that Rarick had run up a board bill of \$21 and had refused to pay. Rarick was ordered out of the hotel by the management and his belongings kept as security. He will be arraigned again before Judge Huntington this morning and no doubt will be given a Christmas vacation in some nearby institution.

The case against Rarick is particularly revolting, as he has made few efforts to care for his wife, who soon will become a mother. The police investigated her plight yesterday and were considering sending her to a hospital, when the woman's sister, who lives in Kingston, came to headquarters and said that she would care for Mrs. Rarick.

Edna Iola Vitch still was held at the Municipal building yesterday, awaiting the arrival of a matron from the Western House of Refuge at Albion, to which institution she has been committed at her own request.

### No Change in Ford Cars.

In view of the fact that persistent rumors have been afloat relative to a change in Ford cars, the following letter will be read with interest as it is self-explanatory:

Buffalo, N. Y., December 21, 1920.  
Oneonta Sales Co.,  
Oneonta, N. Y.

Gentlemen:  
There have been considerable rumors in the past, and sales have been held up accordingly, of information supposed to have come from Detroit as to an early change in the model of the car.

This letter is to assure you that these rumors are absolutely without foundation and that no change whatever is contemplated in the near future and the assurance from the company that we do not contemplate making any changes at this time.

This letter is to settle all rumors of this kind and give you the above assurance.

Ford Motor company, George B. Tyler, Manager, Buffalo branch. It

### TAX NOTICE

The tax roll and warrant for the collection of school tax for district No. 6 (Oneonta Union), town of Oneonta, is in the hands for collection and will be returned at my residence, Oneonta, N. Y., for the next 20 days from date thereof at 10 per cent. Will be at West End Electric Shop Thursday, December 30 and 31, from 1 to 4 to receive taxes.  
Oneonta, December 1, 1920.  
Frank Booth, Collector.

### 2,403 BELONG TO RED CROSS

REPORT OF RECENT ROLL CALL CANVASS MADE YESTERDAY BY LOCAL CHAPTER.

1,917 Citizens of Oneonta Are Members of Organization, Figures Show — Credit Due "Army" of Canvassers for Success of the Campaign.

The Oneonta Red Cross, including its branches in the various towns about this vicinity, now has a total paid membership of 2,403, according to figures of the recent roll call announced yesterday at local headquarters. The roll call canvass was conducted principally during last month, but there have been numerous delays in receiving reports from outlying towns, and the tabulations were not finally completed until yesterday.

During the campaign in Oneonta which extended from November 12 until December 15, a total of 1,917 annual dollar memberships were received through the efforts of about 119 representative women of the community, who worked energetically to make the movement a success. In addition to the regular memberships, four contributing memberships were received, two each of \$5 and \$10, and there were six donations totaling \$2.55. This makes the total sum collected in Oneonta \$1,926.55.

The money raised during the roll call will go toward the maintenance of Red Cross activities during 1921. On the surface it would not appear that such a large sum would be needed to carry on the work of the organization, but it should be remembered that the biggest work of the Red Cross is in emergencies, when supplies are needed, and needed badly. The local chapter expects during the coming year to purchase a large supply of clothing and other necessities of life so that in case there should be a big accident or catastrophe in this vicinity, the Red Cross would be ready to rush to the scene and give relief. Much of the money will also be used for administration expenses and home service work. The home service department is for the benefit of former soldiers and sailors who need assistance and it disposes of a large number of cases during the year.

Credit for the success of the Fourth roll call is due L. T. Ingram, roll call chairman, Mrs. Charles Collins, vice chairman, Mrs. C. R. Marsh, assistant vice chairman, and the willing corps of women workers, whom lack of space prevents us naming. The whole efficient organization spent many busy days during the last month and put Oneonta on the map as concerns the Red Cross, when it is remembered that in numerous communities the work has died out entirely. The biggest day's business was on November 20, when 533 paid memberships were reported. The memberships at that period averaged about 200 daily. Nearly every residence in the city was visited by Red Cross workers, and there were but few citizens who declined to aid "the greatest mother in the world."

Following is the report of the branches of the Oneonta chapter:

Town	Members	Amount
Edmeston	119	\$74.50
Milford	88	\$8.00
West Oneonta	55	\$8.00
Worcester	61	\$1.00
Worcester, Donation	—	.50
Wells Bridge	100	\$0.00
Emmons	20	\$1.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>\$247.00</b>

It will be noted in the above table that in some cases only half the money value of the memberships were received by the Oneonta chapter. In these towns, there are active Red Cross branches, and they are given 50 percent of the sum raised. In the towns where the amount corresponds with the number of memberships, the branches have been discontinued.

Wanted — One Hundred boys to be excellent gloves at 75c to \$1.50 a pair. Same boys to buy skis, skis and skates at Arthur M. Bunt's store.

### 32x3 1/2 Tires.

Pair of new non-skid tires, 32x3 1/2. The pair for \$25.00. R. M. Co. under town clock.

Just opened a new box of fates that are hum-dingers and our cranberry too, are just a little extra fine. Put 'em in your grocery.

### MYRTLE BYAM IS MARRIED

Popular Chestnut Street School Teacher Becomes Bride of E. L. Mellott, Superintendent of Dupont Plant.

Miss Myrtle Byam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Byam, of the Plains, and Ellis L. Mellott of Penns Grove, N. J., were united in marriage yesterday noon at the First Baptist parsonage by Rev. Dr. E. J. Farley. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thomas of this city, intimate friends of the bride.

Miss Byam wore a handsome traveling suit of blue satin broad cloth, with hat to match, and carried a large bouquet of orange blossoms. Mrs. Thomas wore a black satin gown, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of American beauty roses. The impressive ring service was used.

Immediately following the ceremony, the happy couple motored to the home of the bride's parents at the Plains, where a delicious five-course wedding dinner was served to a company of relatives and personal friends. The dining room and table presented a very attractive appearance. Christmas decorations being used with fine effect. Misses Helen and Hazel Merrill of 26 Luther street assisted in the serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Mellott left for New York on the afternoon train and will enjoy a three weeks' sojourn in that city and other points of interest nearby. After their honeymoon, they will go directly to Penns Grove, where a newly-furnished home awaits them.

The bride is one of West End's most popular and respected young women. She is a graduate of the Oneonta High School and State Normal school. For two years following her graduation she was a teacher in the public schools of Troy, following which she returned to Oneonta and since has been a capable instructor at the Chestnut street school. Both among her fellow-teachers and other friends she is held in the highest esteem, and she

will have the heartiest congratulations for a long and happy wedded life.

Mr. Mellott, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mellott of Everett, Pa., holds the responsible position of superintendent of the Dupont Dye Works at Penns Grove. He is a graduate of Gettysburg college, and after completing his course was employed for several years in Canada, South America, by the company which now has advanced him to a position of trust.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Rogers and Gilbert Owen, all of Haverhill, were guests at the wedding.

### West End Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Matthews of Morris have returned home after spending a few days with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Baker, of Lower Chestnut street. They were accompanied by Carl Baker who will be their guest for some time.

### Merry Christmas.

Say it with Columbia Records. It presents that is sure to please. 10,000 records to select from. Van Nieu's Grafonola shop, 14-16 Deits street, 1st.

### Join Now.

Now is the time to join the Christmas club at the Wilber National bank and be sure of a good sized check next December.

Before you receive Junata brand margarine nobody ever touches it but the immaculate workers who prepare it. It reaches you sweet and clean in a sealed package.

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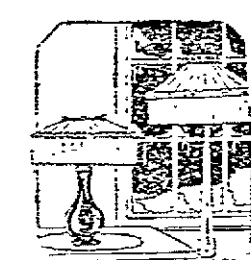
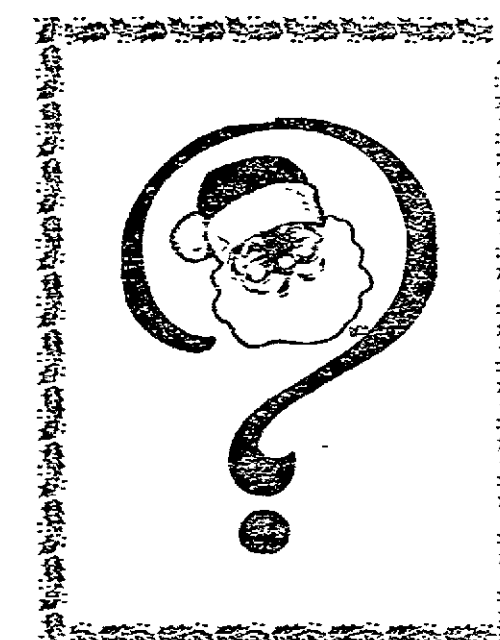
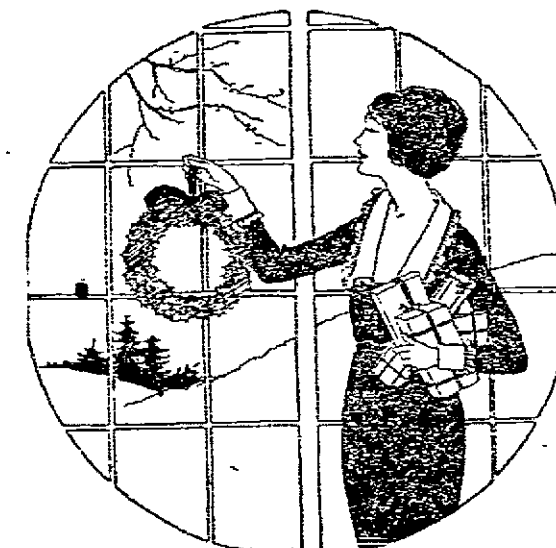
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Prest-o-lite Battery  
For a 1917 Buick, 8x  
Was \$41.15 Now \$25.25

Prest-o-lite Battery  
For a Model 33 Overland  
Was \$45.55 Now \$29.55

Prest-o-lite Battery  
For Maxwell 1916  
Was \$52.25 Now \$42.70

Prest-o-lite Battery  
For Dodge  
Was \$55.95 Now \$41.05

Firestone Blowout Patch 3 1/2 in.  
Was 65c Now 50c

Gates Half-Sole Tire  
Guaranteed 5000 miles  
Was \$13.75 Now \$12.50

WISHING to do what we can to bring down the high cost of living and motorizing, we are offering our present stock at special introductory prices. Some of these prices will be permanent, while others will of necessity go back to their regular price.

We welcome you to our store (at 1-5 Hamilton avenue) whether old customers or new, and we feel sure that we can convince you that this is the motorist's own store.

Come in and see our new place of business whether you wish to purchase anything or not.

Here are a few of our prices, others in proportion.

Prices Good Until Jan. 1st

Firestone 30x3 1/2 Tube  
Was \$7.75 Now selling \$2.50

Firestone 4 in. Blowout Patch  
Was 70c Now 50c

Gordon 34x4 N. S.  
Was \$29.50  
Now selling ..... \$29.70

Firestone 32x3 1/2 N. S.  
Was \$24.50  
Now ..... \$18.85

Firestone 30x3 1/2 N. S.  
Was \$23.50  
Now ..... \$16.95

Gates 32x3 1/2 N. S.  
Was \$25.50  
Now ..... \$22.10

Mohair Top Dressing, 1 Quart Can  
Was \$1.25 Now selling \$1.00

Gates Red 30x3 1/2 Tested Tube  
Was \$4.25 Now \$3.20

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